

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 1233 - HB 1850**

April 4, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates the Tennessee Medical Review Panel to review all malpractice claims against health care providers before a civil action can be filed in court against a health care provider or the provider's employees for professional liability. Requires the panel to be comprised of two health care providers and one attorney and establishes the attorney general, or his designee as executive director of the panel. Authorizes the director to employ personnel, contract for services, and promulgate rules.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$319,000 Recurring  
\$17,200 One-Time  
\$43,000/Health Related Boards**

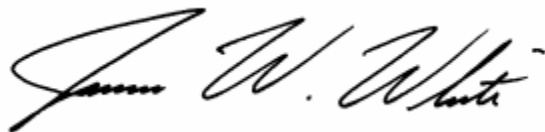
**Increase State Revenues - \$43,000/Health Related Boards**

#### **Assumptions:**

- The Office of the Attorney General and Reporter would need to hire additional personnel including a secretary, a paralegal, an attorney, and an executive director estimated at \$319,000 for salaries, benefits, and travel and \$17,200 in one-time costs for computers, software and landscaping.
- The Health Related Boards will notify the licensed health professionals of the annual assessment estimated to cost \$43,000 to send each a single-page letter.
- Members of the Medical Review Panel will be compensated while engaged in the business of the board for each day the panel is convened and for any preparation days.
- The panel shall be funded from assessments levied against and paid by each health care provider licensed in the state.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director